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OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

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1. IN REFTTEL, PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 4, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE FRG EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE CONSENSUS TEXT BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL "CONFLICT WITH EUROPEAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS." IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE RESERVATIONS APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSED HAZARD INFORMATION SYSTEM (HIS). IN ITS REMARKS TO THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS, THE FRG DELEGATE STATED THAT "IF THAT SYSTEM (HIS) WERE TO BE APPLIED AS A WHOLE, NOT ONLY THE FRG BUT ALSO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD FACE MAJOR OBSTACLES. IN FACT, SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL DEPARTED CONSIDERABLY FROM THE MARKING SYSTEM INTRODUCED ON 1 OCTOBER 1975 IN EUROPE OVER BINDING CONVENTIONS..." NO OTHER DELEGATIONS ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE FRG REMARKS.

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2. FULL TEXT OF THESE REMARKS FOLLOWS BELOW.

QUOTE 11. MR. NEUHOFF (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY) SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS READY TO JOIN IN A CONSENSUS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION E/AC.6/L.591/REV.1, SINCE IT CONSIDERED THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS A PROCEDURAL ONE, WHICH MERELY

TOOK NOTE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS ON ITS NINTH SESSION, WITHOUT FORMALLY ADOPTING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, HIS GOVERNMENT STILL HAD OBJECTIONS TO SOME OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSED HAZARD INFORMATION SYSTEM (HIS). IF THAT SYSTEM WERE TO BE APPLIED AS A WHOLE, NOT ONLY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY BUT ALSO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD FACE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES. IN FACT, SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL DEPARTED CONSIDERABLY FROM THE MARKING SYSTEM INTRODUCED ON 1 OCTOBER 1975 IN EUROPE UNDER BINDING CONVENTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CONCERNING THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY RAIL AND THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD; THAT MARKING SYSTEM HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ALSO FOR THEIR DOMESTIC TRANSPORT. A SUDDEN MODIFICATION OF THAT EUROPEAN SYSTEM COULD NOT ONLY GIVE RISE TO ERRORS WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO TRANSPORT SAFETY, BUT WOULD ALSO ENTAIL SERIOUS FINANCIAL BURDENS FOR THE ECONOMY. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAD THEREFORE PROPOSED AT THE DECEMBER SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO HIS CONCERNING THOSE POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED - FOR EXAMPLE, THE USE OF THE UNITED NATIONS WARNING LABELS AND OF UNITED NATIONS SERIAL NUMBERS ON A YELLOW PLATE. HOWEVER, THAT PROPOSAL HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED AT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND, FURTHERMORE, THAT IMCO AND IATA WERE CONSIDERING SOLUTIONS FOR SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT WHICH DEPARTED FROM THE PROPOSAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS.

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12. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY THEREFORE COULD SUPPORT ONLY A PROCEDURAL DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THAT CONNEXION. IN ADDITION, PART OF THE HAZARD INFORMATION SYSTEM - THE ABBREVIATED CODE - HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY ELABORATED.

13. HE REQUESTED THAT HIS STATEMENT BE GIVEN FULL COVERAGE IN THE SUMMARY RECORD. UNQUOTE
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